

In the specification:

On page 5, lines 15-21, please delete the following paragraph:

"Most prior art bars are held against the dryer shell using a series of hoop segments. Various loading systems are installed between flanges at the end of the hoop segments, to force the segments apart and press the bars against the inside surface of the dryer shell. One of these systems is a simple threaded turnbuckle with locking nuts. Other, more sophisticated, designs use various coil, barrel, or Bellville washer springs between the hoop segments. A more recent development uses a unique compression bolt disclosed in co-pending application USSN 10/151,407 filed 05/17/2002."

Please add the following paragraph as a substitute for the immediately above deleted paragraph:

--Most prior art bars are held against the dryer shell using a series of hoop segments. Various loading systems are installed between flanges at the end of the hoop segments, to force the segments apart and press the bars against the inside surface of the dryer shell. One of these systems is a simple threaded turnbuckle with locking nuts. Other, more sophisticated, designs use various coil, barrel, or Bellville washer springs between the hoop segments. A more recent development uses a unique compression bolt disclosed in co-pending application USSN 10/151,407 filed 05/17/2002, **now US. Patent No. 7,028,756 issued on April 18th 2006.**--

On page 20, lines 3-4, please add the following paragraphs immediately after the paragraph "Fig. 9 is a side sectional view of a dryer bar configuration according to the present invention;":

--Fig. 9a is an enlarged view of the fastener shown in Fig. 9;

Fig. 9b is a view taken on the line 9b-9b of Fig. 9a;

Fig. 9c is an enlarged view of a cylindrical pin for connecting each bar to an adjacent segment;--

On page 26, line 12 to page 27, line 3, please delete the following paragraph:

"Also, the at least one hoop includes a number of segments 24-26 within a range 2 to 4, each segment such as segment 24 having a first and a second end 48 and 50 respectively. A segment fastener 52 is disposed between the first end 48 of the segment 24 and a second end of the adjacent segment 25 for forcing adjacent segments apart. Each fastener 52 is threaded on one of the ends thereof. Each of the hoop segments 24-26 defines a hole in each end thereof, for engagement with a segment fastener 52. Each of the segment fasteners 52 has a head that passes through the hole in the end of the segment such as segment 24. A hexagonal socket head is defined by the fastener 52 for permitting tightening of the fastener 52 by a power tool. A cylindrical pin is provided for connecting each of the bars 18 to 23 to an adjacent segment."

Please add the following paragraphs as a substitute for the immediately above deleted paragraph:

--Also, the at least one hoop includes a number of segments 24-26 within a range 2 to 4, each segment such as segment 24 having a first and a second end 48 and 50 respectively.

Fig. 9a is an enlarged view of the fastener 52 shown in Fig. 9. As shown in Fig. 9a, a segment fastener 52 is disposed between the first end 48 of the segment 24 and a second end 50 of the adjacent segment 25 for forcing adjacent segments apart as indicated by the arrow 51. Each fastener 52 is threaded on one end 55 of the ends 55 and 57 thereof. Each of the hoop segments 24-26 defines a hole 59 in each end 48 and 50 thereof, for engagement with a segment fastener 52. Each of the segment fasteners 52 has a head 61 that passes through the hole 59 in the end 48 of the segment such as segment 24.

Fig. 9b is a view taken on the line 9b-9b of Fig. 9a. As shown in Fig. 9b, a hexagonal socket head 63 is defined by the fastener 52 for permitting tightening of the fastener 52 by a power tool.

Fig. 9c is an enlarged view of a cylindrical pin for connecting each bar to an adjacent segment. As shown in Fig. 9c, a cylindrical pin 65 is provided for connecting each of the bars such as bar 18 of bars 18 to 23 to an adjacent segment 24.--

On page 27, line 4-6, please delete the following paragraph:

"More specifically, the pin has an interference boss to hold the pin in the segment. The pin extends far enough out of the segment and into the bar so that disengagement of the pin from the segment is prevented. "

Please add the following paragraph as a substitute for the immediately above deleted paragraph:

--More specifically, the pin 65 has an interference boss 67 to hold the pin 65 in the segment 24. The pin 65 extends far enough out of the segment 24 and into the bar 18 so that disengagement of the pin 65 from the segment 24 is prevented.--

On page 27, line 7-9, please delete the following paragraph :

"The specific configuration of the segment fasteners is disclosed in the aforementioned co-pending application. All of the disclosure of the aforementioned application is incorporated herein by reference."

Please add the following paragraph as a substitute for the immediately above deleted paragraph:

--The specific configuration of the segment fasteners is disclosed in the aforementioned co-pending application, **now US. Patent No. 7,028,756 issued on April 18th 2006**. All of the disclosure of the aforementioned application **now US. Patent No. 7,028,756 issued on April 18th 2006**, is incorporated herein by reference.--